

Abba – Teacher's guide

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Task:

Read the introduction text for the Abba assignment with your class.

The pupils should read the text about Abba on their chosen level and follow the work descriptions. Finish your work with Abba by watching the movie "Mamma mia".

Work description for Abba

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Answer the questions which belong to the text you have chosen.

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Introduction Abba

Sweden has exported a lot of music, but Abba is the band which, according to most, is the greatest. Their music has been played all over the world for over thirty years and is still played in a lot of places. In 1998 Catherine Johnsson created the musical "Mamma Mia", which is based on the music by Abba. There is a total of twenty-two Abba songs in the musical. The movie "Mamma Mia" was created in 2008 and is based on the musical with the same name. Actors like Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan star in this popular movie.

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Abba – Questions

Where is the name Abba from?

Which song do you think about when you hear the word Abba?

Which song was Abba's greatest breakthrough?

Which was the only Abba song that topped the charts in the USA?

What special relationship did the band members have towards one another?

Which song?

You shall now choose your favourite song, made and performed by Abba. Use the internet to help you with this. When you have chosen the song your task will be to read through the lyrics and present your choice of song to the class. How you present your song is up to you, however your presentation should answer the following questions.

Why did you choose this particular song?

What do you think the song is about?

Facts about the song:

- Which album is it from?
- Which year was the album released?
- Is the song available as a single?
- Who has written the song?
- Other interesting facts you can find.



Sources:

<http://www.abbasite.com/>

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